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1. IN A PUBLIC DECLARATION JUNE 8, THE "DINAMICOS"EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTING FOR THE GROUP EXPELLED JUAN MANUEL SEPULVEDA AND HERNAN MERY FROM THE "GROUP OF TEN" FOR PARTICIPATING WITH COMMUNIST LABOR LEADERS IN THE NATIONAL TRADE UNION COORDINATING BODY. THE STATUS OF MANUEL BUSTOS, THE THIRD MEMBER PARTICIPATING, WILL BE DECIDED AFTER HIS ARRIVAL FROM EUROPE.

2. THE TEXT OF THE DECLARATION IS AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE:
"DUE TO THE SITUATION CREATED BY HAVING TWO MEMBERS OF THE 'GROUP OF TEN' PARTICIPATING IN THE PRESS CONFERENCE WHICH ANNOUNCED THE EXISTENCE OF THE NATIONAL TRADE UNION COORDINATING BODY, WE DECLARE:

1. - OUR GROUP WAS CONSTITUTED FOR THE PURPOSE OF PRESSING FOR THE RESTORATION OF TRADE UNION AND DEMOCRATIC FREEDOMS IN ORDER TO MAKE POSSIBLE FREE CHOICES BY WORKERS. -

2. - THE PRESENCE OF TWO OF OUR LEADERS IN THE ORGANIZATION CALLED THE NATIONAL TRADE UNION COORDINATING BODY COMPOSED THE TRADE UNION POLICY SUPPORTED BY THE 'GROUP OF TEN' AND
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DAMAGES THE BONDS OF LOYALTY WITH WHICH ALL ITS MEMBERS MUST ACT. -

3. - ENCOURAGED BY EVENTS OF RECENT MONTHS WE HAVE DECIDED TO PERSEVERE IN THE FORMATION OF A NEW CONFEDERATION OF WORKERS BASED ON THE PRINCIPLES OF LIBERTY AND DEMOCRACY WHICH WE UPHOLD AND WHICH THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF WORKERS SHARE. -

4. - WE REPEAT OUR ABSOLUTE REJECTION OF ANY FORM OF POLITICAL

EXTORTION OR COERCION REGARDLESS OF ITS ORIGIN OR THE FORM IN WHICH IT MAY BE PRESENTED. OUR ONLY OBLIGATION IS TO THE WORKERS OF CHILE. -

5. - IN DEFENSE OF THE DISCIPLINE AND INTEGRITY OF THE 'GROUP OF TEN', WE DECLARE THAT OUR BROTHERS JUAN MANUEL SEPULVEDA AND HERNAN MERY TORO FROM THIS MOMENT NO LONGER BELONG TO OUR GROUP. -"
END QUOTE.

THE DECLARATION WAS SIGNED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE "GROUP OF TEN", TUCAPEL JIMENEZ ALFARO, EDUARDO RIOS ARIAS AND ERNESTO VOGEL RODRIGUEZ.

3. COMMENT: THE "GROUP OF TEN" AGONIZED FOR FIVE DAYS ABOUT WHETHER TO EXPEL MERY AND SEPULVEDA OR TO EXTRACT SOME LESSER PUNISHMENT. THEY WERE PARTICULARLY CONSCIOUS OF THE FACT THAT BOTH MERY AND SEPULVEDA ENJOY THE SUPPORT OF THE CHURCH, FORMER POPULAR UNITY POLITICAL FIGURES AND PART OF THE HIERARCHY OF THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT PARTY. HOWEVER, FUNDAMENTAL TO THE DECISION TO EXPEL WAS PRECISELY THIS PRESSURE AND MERY AND SEPULVEDA'S STATEMENT (REFTEL) THAT THEY WERE FOLLOWING PDC POLICY IN JOINING THE COORDINATING BODY. THE "DINAMICOS" ALSO FELT PRESSURE FROM THE AFL-CIO TO EXPEL IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THEIR ATTRACTION TO ALL SECTORS OF CHILEAN WORKING SOCIETY. THE DECISION TO EXPEL MERY AND SEPULVEDA PUTS BUSTOS ON NOTICE THAT HE CANNOT ALLOW HIS TIES TO THE CHURCH OR THE PDC TO COME AHEAD OF LOYALTY TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE TRADE UNION OBJECTIVES OF THE "GROUP OF TEN".
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